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SUBJECT: CGT DELEGATION TO CHILEAN WORLD WORKER ASSEMBLY

1. SUMMARY. ON MARCH 27 THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGT) DECIDED TO SEND AN OFFICIAL CGT DELEGATION TO THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF WORKERS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL UNION OF CHILEAN WORKERS (CUTCH) IN SANTIAGO APRIL 10-15.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ALSO CONVOKED AN EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL CGT CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES APRIL 27-28. INVITATIONS TO CGT CONGRESS WILL BE SENT TO ALL MAJOR LABOR CENTRALS IN LATIN AMERICA. END SUMMARY.

2. HUGO BARRIONUEVO, CGT PRESS SECRETARY AND SEC GEN OF THE FEDERATION OF SPAGHETTI WORKERS, WILL HEAD FOUR- MAN DELEGATION TO CUTCH SPONSORED " WORLD" CONCLAVE. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE JOSE RODRIGUEZ, SUB- SEC GEN OF AUTO MECHANICS UNION AND CGT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, RAUL BALSELLS, TREASURER OF NATIONAL GLASS WORKERS UNION AND RICARDO OTERO, METALURGICAL UNION OFFICIAL. RODRIGUEZ WAS CGT DELEGATE TO 1971 ILO MEETING IN GENEVA AND HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL METALWORKER FEDERATION (IMF) CONFERENCES.

3. EXTRAORDINARY CGT CONGRESS REPORTEDLY HAS TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES:

(1) TO DETERMINE POLICY OF CGT UNDER NEW PERONIST GOVERNMENT; (2)

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TO BRING LATIN AMERICA LABOR LEADERS TOGETHER FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING FEASIBILITY OF ORGANIZING A NEW LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOR IN WHICH CGT WOULD HAVE KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE. THE CGT LEADERSHIP HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN BACK BURNER STATUS TO FORMULATION OF AN IBERO- AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION FOLLOWING CGT SEC GEN JOSE RUNCI' S UNSUCCESSFUL TRIP TO MEXICO FOR THAT PURPOSE LAST SEPTEMBER. THE SPANIARDS, HOWEVER, ARE EXPECTED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE CGT CONGRESS AND EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE CGT WILL ESTABLISH A LOOSELY- KNIT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPANISH LABOR MOVEMENT IN GENERAL MOVE TOWARD CREATING CLOSER CGT TIES WITH EUROPEAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

4. COMMENT. CGT ATTENDANCE AT CUTCH ASSEMBLY AND INVITATIONS TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LABOR CENTRALS TO CGT CONGRESS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT CGT IS TAKING EXPLORATORY STEPS TOWARD POSSIBLE FORMATION OF NEW LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION. THIS HAS BEEN WIDELY DISCUSSED IN PERONIST LABOR CIRCLES AS ONE OF

EX- PRESIDENT PERON, S PRIORITIES IN LABOR SECTOR WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE SUPPORT OF NEW PERONIST GOVERNMENT. THIS MARKS FIRST TIME SINCE EARLY FIFTIES WHEN PERON UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO EXPAND PERONIST INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA THROUGH ATLAS (AGRUPACION DE TRABAJADORES LATINO AMERICANOS SINDICALIZADOS) THAT THE CGT HAS OFFICIALLY ENDEAVORED TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. TWENTY YEARS AGO THE FEW AFFILIATES THE ATLAS WAS ABLE TO ATTRACT REPRESENTED COUNTRY LABOR MOVEMENTS IN COUNTRIES DOMINATED BY MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS. PARADOXICALLY EFFORTS BY THE MILITANTLY ANTI- MARXIST CGT TO FORM A LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION TODAY COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ENCOURAGED

AND JOINED BY MARXIST- CONTROLLED LABOR CENTRALS, I. E., CUTCH, CNT OF URUGUAY AND PERHAPS THE PERUVIAN CGTP AS WELL AS BY NON- MARXIST LABOR CENTRALS. THE TRADITIONAL " THIRD POSITION" OF PERONISM CLEARLY HAS MUCH BROADER APPEAL IN THE LATIN AMERICA OF TODAY AND SHOULD THE CGT SERIOUSLY ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE A NEW LATIN AMERICAN WORKERS ORGANIZATION, ITS CHANCES FOR SUCCESS ARE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE THAN THOSE OF ITS ATLAS FORERUNNER.
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